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## GOOD REPORTS FROM THE RIPS.

Large Fleet of Seiners Work-  
ing on Fair Body of Fish.

### FIVE GOOD FARES HERE TODAY

Capt. Joseph Smith High Line  
with Splendid Stock, \$25,991.

According to latest reports there is now a fair body of mackerel on the Rips near the Rose and Crown shoals, but the seiners have been bothered by blowy weather and very shoal water which causes the tearing up of seines. Notwithstanding this, some vessels have made good hauls of late and practically the whole fleet is there.

The fish seem to be in small schools and not hard to catch if the seine does not hang up. Some of the schools are all large fish, while others are mixed, containing large, mediums and small fish.

This morning four of the seiners are at this port from that locality with good salt fares. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry Curtis, has 190 barrels, sch. Colonial, Capt. Lemuel Firth, 128 barrels, sch. Smuggler, Capt. Owen Whitten, 168 barrels, and sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Maurice Whalen, 91 barrels.

The fares of schs. Mary F. Curtis and Smuggler sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith, stocked \$4991 on her fine salt mackerel fare, landed here Saturday afternoon, the crew sharing \$119.44. This gives Capt. Smith a stock thus far this season of \$25,991, or only \$9 short of \$26,000. It is certainly a magnificent record and shows judgment and stick-to-it-iveness will do. It gives Capt. Smith a fine lead for the high line honor and is gratifying to the hundreds of friends of the veteran as well as to all who appreciate merit and a disposition to work hard.

Sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. Rufus McKay, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from the Rips, with 5000 fresh mackerel and 97 barrels of salt mackerel. The former were sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co., and were quickly shipped to market.

Sch. Good Luck, Capt. G. Melville McClain, is at Boston this morning from the Rips with 14,000 fresh mackerel, 3000 of which are large and the rest mediums and small. The fish are selling at 13 cents per pound, which is said to be the first time that mackerel have ever been bought by the pound at T wharf, although about all fresh mackerel landed at Portland are sold in that manner.

The fare of sch. Ralph L. Hall sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at \$20 per barrel for large, \$16 for mediums and \$12 for small. The large fish were rimmed.

The fare of sch. Grayling sold to William H. Jordan & Co., at \$20 per barrel for large rimmed fish, \$16 per barrel for plain mediums and \$12 per barrel for plain small fish.

The Dominion Fish Bureau of August 22 reports the traps at Lunenburg, N. S., taking 300 mackerel. It also reports mackerel fair at Euseminac, N. B., and also fair at Bloomfield, P. E. I.

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### New Italian Fishing Boat.

Another addition has been made to the fleet of Italian fishing boats that come to T wharf. The new boat, which is named Maria Concetta, is much larger than any yet owned by the Italian fishermen. She is 38 feet long, 12 feet beam and has 5 feet depth of hold. She is equipped with a 21-horse power naphtha motor and has berths in her roomy fore-castle for five men. The boat is owned by Tony Zafferino, who has already a couple of the large power dories, and he will use her for the present in torching for herring. Later she will be fitted out with trawls and will go fishing.

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### Large Tautog.

C. A. Atwell, a summer resident of Mar-  
mion Way, caught the largest tautog of the  
season yesterday. Its weight was 12 pounds.

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Fine Shack Trip.  
Sch. Moanum, Capt. Hugh Quintan, is  
here from the Cape Shore this morning with  
a fine shack trip, 150,000 pounds of fresh  
fish.

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### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Smuggler, Rips, 168 bbls. salt mack-  
erel.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Rips, 190 bbls. salt  
mackerel.

Sch. Colonial, Rips, 128 bbls. salt mack-  
erel.

Sch. Rob Roy, Rips, 91 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur Binney, Rips, 5000 fresh  
mackerel, 9 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Eglantine, Maine Coast, 115,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Moanum, Cape Shore, 150,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Ella G. Klnz, Georges, 30,000 lbs.  
salt cod.

Sch. James A. Garfield, Rips, 17,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Sylph, via Boston.

Sch. Senator, Quero Bank, 45,000 lbs.  
fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 7000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Dixie, Cashes, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Georges, 80,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Saladin, Rips, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white  
and 5 cts. for gray.

Market price large western cod to split,  
\$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do.,  
\$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25  
per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt.  
for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.12 1-2 cwt.  
for large, \$3.12 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snap-  
pers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.

Fresh round pollock, 80c per cwt.

Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh medium mackerel 12 cts. each.

Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.

Dressed fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.

Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.

Large salt mackerel, \$18.50 to \$18.75 per  
bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. Good Luck, 3000 fresh large mackerel,  
1100 fresh medium mackerel, 6 bbls. salt  
mackerel.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock,  
18,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 30,000 haddock, 5000  
cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 80,000 hake,  
20,000 cusk.

Steamer Spray, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod,  
1000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 27,000 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Ramona, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 7000 haddock, 18,  
000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 74 swordfish.

Sch. Yankee, 9000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 61 swordfish.

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 36 swordfish.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 15,000 haddock,  
3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 64 swordfish.

Sch. Metamora.

Sch. Actor, 27 swordfish.

Sch. Regina, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod,  
10,000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 50,000 haddock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod,  
15,000 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 56 swordfish.

Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Maxwell, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000  
pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 15,000 cod, 15,000  
pollock.

Sch. James A. Garfield, 25,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50;  
market cod, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.75; hake, 1.50  
to \$2.50; mackerel, 13 cts. per lb.; swordfish,  
10 cts. per lb.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Yakima is on Parkhurst's railways,  
fixing up. Capt. Alfred Green, formerly of  
sch. Flirt, will fit her for haddocking.

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## ON MIDDLE BANK.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask Made Good  
Mackerel Haul Yesterday.

Vessel at Boston with 12,000  
Large, Medium and Small.

Mackerel have struck in Massachusetts  
Bay and to all appearances they are the  
same kind of fish which the fleet have been  
getting on the Rips, off Sankaty Head.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. McDonald,  
struck a fine school yesterday, 12 miles north  
of Race Point, and reached T wharf, Bos-  
ton, with her fare this forenoon. The trip  
comprised 12,000 fish in count, being large,  
mediums and small.

The fish sold at 30 cents each for large,  
15 cents each for mediums and 6 and 6 1-2  
cents each for small.

Capt. McDonald reports that sch. Specu-  
lator was there and got a small haul at the  
same time.

According to all reports, the experiment of  
the T wharf dealers yesterday in buying  
the fare of fresh mackerel of sch. Good Luck  
by the pound, although decidedly advanta-  
geous to Capt. McClain and his crew, was  
financially disastrous to the dealers. As a  
sample, one of the large fish in the lot  
brought by weight 54 cents, about as high a  
price as was ever quoted for a fresh mack-  
erel from the vessel.

When the market opened it was evident  
that every dealer on the wharf wanted  
some of the mackerel, as all buyers were  
gathered about the captain of the seiner.  
The buyers wrangled among themselves,  
and Capt. McLean proposed to settle all diffi-  
culties by selling by weight. This was a  
new proposition and the buyers seized upon  
it, and an offer of 10 cents a pound was  
made at once. The bidding went on until  
the price was up to 13 cents a pound, at  
which price the trip of mackerel was sold.

The buyers did not yet see how badly they  
had put themselves in a hole until they be-  
gan to figure the prices of the fish, and figured

out that their three-pound mackerel would  
cost them 39 cents and the four-pounders 52  
cents, while the mediums would run from 20  
to 26 cents and the small mackerel from 10 to  
13 cents apiece.

Then it dawned upon them that they were  
paying record prices for the fish. They  
stuck to the agreement, however, until all  
had been served, and then Capt. McLean  
offered to sell what was left at 10 cents a  
pound.

The mackerel weighed out 18,000 pounds,  
and 13,000 pounds were sold at 13 cents a  
pound and the other 5000 pounds at 10 cents.  
This will give the Good Luck nearly \$2000  
for a trip that sold in the usual way at 80  
much apiece for the fish would have netted  
much less.

The fare of sch. Rob Roy sold to Glouces-  
ter Mackerel Co. at \$19.50 per barrel for large,  
plain, and \$12 per barrel for small.

The fare of sch. Arthur Binney sold to the  
Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum,  
\$1500.

The fare of schs. Mary F. Curtis and  
Smuggler sold to the Gloucester Mackerel  
Co.

The fare of sch. Colonial sold to George  
Perkins & Son at \$19.50 per barrel for large,  
plain, \$16 per barrel for mediums and \$12  
per barrel for small.

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### Where Is That Georges Bank Survey?

The New York Shipping Illustrated says:  
"Transatlantic liners are being officially  
asked by the Gloucester fishermen to steer  
clear of the Georges Banks in order to avoid  
running down the fishing schooners and do-  
ries. Meantime, what about that projected  
survey of the Georges Banks by the Hydro-  
graphic Office? It was promised that the U.  
S. S. Princeton would come around from  
California, and get to work on the survey as  
soon as possible, but at last accounts she had  
gone to Puget Sound to lay up."

### Big Swordfish.

The swordfishing sch. Stranger landed a  
huge fish at Boston yesterday morning, which  
brought down the scales at 525 pounds with-  
out head or tail and cleaned. Sch. Esther  
Gray had one weighing 450 pounds, from  
which the men took several tull grown cod  
when they opened the stomach to clean the  
fish.



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## RATHER VAGUE DESPATCH

Says Vessels Can Now Sail on Newfoundland Trips.

But That Modus Vivendi Has Not Yet Been Renewed.

The Boston papers this morning print a despatch which reads very queerly. It says in substance that in view of the fact that the open season for the Newfoundland fisheries is beginning, the state department has determined to allow the Gloucester vessels to proceed to the fishing grounds and begin fishing. Continuing the despatch says:

"This is with the understanding that although the modus vivendi of last season has not yet been renewed, the state of the negotiations in London warrants the department in the opinion that it will be so renewed, even if in a modified form."

Just what the department means to convey is not made clear by the despatch. The departure of the Newfoundland herring fleet a few weeks hence is not governed by any permission from the state department, as the vessels go when in the judgment of their owners or skippers the proper time comes.

The despatch probably means to convey the impression that the modus vivendi will be received, or modified slightly, and that it will be all right for the American vessels to get ready and go as they did last year.

There are strong grounds for believing that the modus vivendi will be modified, and if this is so, and the modification of a nature suspected here, it would certainly be unwise to go to Newfoundland fitted as were certain of the vessels last season. It would seem that the despatch at best is very vague and uncertain and lacking in one or two important details.

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## BIG FARES.

Schs. Onato and Illinois Have Very Large Shack Trips.

Sch. Olga Has Fine Fare on Quick Georges Halibut Trip.

There are some large shack trips at this port this morning. Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, arrived during the night from La Have bank, with a vessel load, 200,000 pounds of fresh fish, 125,000 pounds of which are cusk, the rest being cod, hake and haddock. Capt. Larkin has been bringing in some big fares, but this is his largest this season.

Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowrie, also arrived this morning from Le Have bank with a fine trip, 165,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly hake and cusk. This is Capt. Lowrie's first trip for some time, as he has been stopping ashore, and shows that he is still right in the game.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Alfred Johnson, is in port from a Georges halibuting trip with a nice fare, 65,000 pounds of fresh fish, 12,000 pounds of salt fish and 2000 pounds of halibut. As usual, he has been gone only a very short while.

Sch. Mildred V. Numan is at Boston this morning with a fine shack fare of 150,000 pounds of fresh fish, which amount must completely fill this little Cape Porpoise craft.

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## French Trawlers Have Done Well

Two French trawlers, the Jeanette and the Facha sailed Wednesday from North Sydney, C. B., where they will fish for a week, and proceed direct to France. They have excellent fares. A lot of new trawlers are expected out next year.

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## Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the New England Fish Co. at 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents per pound for gray.

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## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Onato, LaHave Bank, 200,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Illinois, Cape Shore, 160,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Olga, Georges, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Ramona, via Boston, 33,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. John Hays Hammond, Bacalieu Bank and Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 3000 lbs. fitched halibut.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, via Boston.  
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.  
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, via Boston.  
Sloop Ignatius Enos, via Boston.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.  
Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

## Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.  
Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.  
Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.  
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.  
Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.  
Market price salt Rips cod, \$1.12 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.12 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.  
Fresh round pollock, 80c per cwt.  
Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.  
Large fresh mackerel, 20 1-2 cts. each.  
Fresh medium mackerel 12 cts. each.  
Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.  
Dressed fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.  
Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.  
Large salt mackerel, plain, \$19.50 per bbl.; rimmed do., \$29 per bbl.  
Salt medium mackerel, \$16 per bbl.  
Salt small mackerel, \$12 per bbl.

## Boston.

Sloop Two Sisters, 1500 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Frances Whalen, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Watauga, 44 swordfish.  
Sch. Dorothy, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Mildred V. Numan, 4000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 60,000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 3 swordfish, 800 halibut.  
Sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 37 swordfish.  
Sloop Marion, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Metamora, 38,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.25; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.25; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

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## IN WASHINGTON.

Congressman Gardner Spending a Few Days in Capital City.

Congressman Gardner has been spending the past few days in Washington on official business, including matters pertaining to the Newfoundland herring fisheries question. He expects to spend a portion of October in New Brunswick.

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## AT BOSTON.

Sch. Alert Lands 20,000 Fresh Mixed Mackerel This Afternoon.

Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Mallock, arrived at Boston this afternoon with 20,000 fresh mixed mackerel.

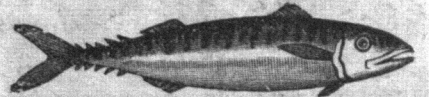
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## LOOKS BRIGHT ON MACKEREL.

Good Hauls Made Yesterday Right on Middle Bank.

FRESH TRIPS TOO FROM RIPS.

Sch. Corsair Towed Here with a Big Fare.



Mackerel "prospects," that most elusive of phantoms, and still the most enticing to all Gloucester, are certainly "looking up."

The reason of this is that mackerel in fairly goodly quantity have showed on Middle Bank, with a sprinkling in Ipswich Bay, and the wise ones are now saying, "Look out for a good fall on the shore."

It would seem, too, that there is good ground for their remarks, for, following close on the news here of the arrival of sch. Hattie L. Trask at Boston yesterday from Middle Bank with a fine catch, came the arrival here last evening of sch. Corsair, Capt. Gourley Anderson, and certainly she was the fishiest looking craft that has entered this port for many a day. From well ahead of pull post to aft of the wheel box, she was simply a mass of mackerel. The deck was lost sight of beneath the shiny beauties, which were taken on Middle Bank yesterday.

It appears that sch. Corsair, with others of the fleet, went into Provincetown the day before to fill water. Yesterday morning they came out, and while the rest of the fleet turned the pace to the southward and eastward, Capt. Anderson decided to have a look across Middle Bank, and it was well he did. He saw signs of fish and also fell in with sch. Speculator, which had made a haul the day before when sch. Hattie L. Trask went to market.

"It looked good" to Capt. Anderson and he began to go over the ground. His diligence was soon rewarded, for in the afternoon a fine school was sighted and soon was inside the seine. Another came up and the twine was flung around that and both schools captured.

When they got done bailing in, the vessel's deck was full from knighthead to taffrail, a goodly load. In the vicinity was a big tow-boat, the Viking. She was waiting for a three master, but owing to the calm, she had not come along. Capt. Anderson hailed him and made a bargain with him to tow the Corsair to this port and the craft arrived here in the early evening, shooting in at the wharf of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

Then there was a grand hustle to get the fish out, and Manager Livingston and his men worked hard, in consequence of which, when the steamer went to Boston this morning, she carried with her, all barrelled, 22,000 fish from the Corsair and they were on the market when the bell rung this morning. Besides these, the Corsair also had about 100 barrels which her crew had dressed on the way in and which will be landed here. It was a big afternoon's work, and if prices hold as quoted at the opening, will give the vessel a stock of about \$4000 for two casts of her seine. The Corsair will hustle right back today to the ground.

The news of the fish on Middle Bank has had the effect of stirring the mackerel blood here to the limit, and in consequence, two vessels, which had finished their season, are again fitting out. Capt. John McKinnon is fitting out sch. Saladin and Capt. Hebert C. Greenleaf is fitting out sch. Elizabeth Sisbee.

Besides the fish on Middle Bank, there are fish in Ipswich Bay, the bay being dotted with numberless pods of fish yesterday, little lots of but a barrel or so, but still a great sign of fish. One boat took 1600 mackerel there yesterday.